

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 28, 2007

Maricopa Association of Governments Office
302 North First Avenue, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Maricopa County: John Hauskins

ADOT: Bill Hayden for Dan Lance

Avondale: David Fitzhugh

*Buckeye:Scott Lowe

Chandler: Mike Mah for Patrice Kraus

El Mirage: Lance Calvert for B.J. Cornwall

Fountain Hills: Randy Harrel

*Gila Bend: Lynn Farmer

*Gilbert: Tami Ryall

Glendale: Terry Johnson

Goodyear: Cato Esquivel

Guadalupe: Jim Ricker

*Litchfield Park: Mike Cartsonis

Mesa: Jim Huling

Paradise Valley: Robert M. Cicarelli

Peoria: Burton Charron for David Moody

Phoenix: Tom Callow

*Queen Creek: Mark Young

RPTA: Bryan Jungwirth

Scottsdale: Mary O'Connor

*Surprise: Randy Overmyer

Tempe: Carlos De Leon

Valley Metro Rail: John Farry

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ATTENDING

*Regional Bicycle Task Force: Randi Alcott,
RPTA

*Street Committee: Darryl Crossman, City of Litchfield Park

*Pedestrian Working Group: Eric Iwersen,
City of Tempe

*ITS Committee: Alan Sanderson

* Members neither present nor represented by proxy. + - Attended by Videoconference
- Attended by Audioconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Roger Herzog, MAG

Ken Hall, MAG

Bob Antila, Valley Metro RPTA

Steve Tate, MAG

Eileen Yazzie, MAG

Lynn Timmons, City of Phoenix

Carol Slaker, City of Mesa

Don Herp, City of Phoenix

Chris Plumb, MCDOT

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tom Callow called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of May 24, 2007 Draft Minutes

Addressing the first order of business, Mr. Callow asked if there were any changes or amendments to the meeting minutes. Mr. Carlos De Leon then moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Mary O'Connor seconded, and the minutes were subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Call to the Audience

Mr. Callow stated that he had not received any request to speak cards from the audience, and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

4. Transportation Director's Report

Mr. Callow introduced Mr. Roger Herzog, MAG Senior Project Manager, to provide the Transportation Director's report. Mr. Herzog informed the Committee that Mr. Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Planning Director, was not able to attend today's meeting. Mr. Herzog then provided an update of the regional half-cent sales tax, and informed the Committee that the rate of increase in tax collections for May of 2007 was down from the previous May 2006 figure. Mr. Herzog stated that while the May revenues were up by 2.6 percent over the previous year, that was considerably less than the typical annual revenue increases of approximately 8.0 percent. Mr. Herzog attributed the reduction in collections to increases in fuel prices and a slow economy. Mr. Herzog then informed the Committee that immediately prior to today's meeting, a handout was distributed to members in attendance that included input received during the Final Input Opportunity on the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2007 Regional Transportation Plan Update. He informed the committee that the handout included a general information page, followed by a formal transcript of proceedings from the meeting conducted on June 18, 2007, at the MAG offices. There were no questions, and this concluded Mr. Herzog's report to the Committee.

5. Approval of the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Callow introduced Ms. Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to provide information on the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Ms. Yazzie addressed the Committee, and informed those in attendance that Attachment One of the TRC Agenda packet contained a draft copy of the TIP, and a table listing all project changes, dated June 19, 2007. Ms. Yazzie stated that MAG has been working with member agencies through all existing programs and plans in an effort to obtain the most current information on projects for the TIP. Ms. Yazzie stated that MAG typically works with

jurisdictions from the months of November to February to collect project information, and that MAG staff continues to implement a number of quality assurance and quality control checks to ensure that ongoing changes do not affect air quality conformity.

Ms. Yazzie highlighted the FY 2008-2012 TIP projects, and stated that the MAG TIP included 665 street projects, 314 transit projects, 182 freeway projects, 90 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) projects, 94 bicycle and pedestrian projects, 38 air quality or transportation demand management projects, 15 bridges projects, and eight additional projects that did not conform to the other categories. She noted that there are over 1,400 TIP projects throughout the region, and that this number represented a 14 percent increase over the previous FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP. Ms. Yazzie also stated that the total funding commitment for the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP was close to \$8.0 Billion, which represented a 21.0 percent increase over the previous TIP.

Ms. Yazzie then addressed the MAG highway projects, and stated that these types of projects are inclusive of street, bicycle, pedestrian, safety, freeway, ITS and bridge projects that are located throughout the region. Ms. Yazzie said that the project funding for highway projects is approximately \$6.4 Billion, and that the primary funding sources for these projects come from the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) and the half-cent sales tax. Ms. Yazzie then addressed MAG transit projects, and stated that the total project funding for transit is approximately \$1.45 Billion. She informed those in attendance that the majority of all transit funding comes from Federal funding sections 5307, 5309, 5310 and 5311, and from public transit funds. She said that the total funding commitment for transit in the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP represents a 23 percent increase over the previous year. Ms. Yazzie stated that she was seeking the Committee's recommended approval of the TIP at today's meeting. Discussion followed, and Ms. Mary O'Connor moved to recommend approval of the FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, contingent on a finding of air quality conformity. Mr. John Farry seconded, and the motion was subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. There were no questions, and this concluded Ms. Yazzie's report.

6. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 Final Year Closeout

Mr. Callow introduced Ms. Eileen Yazzie, MAG Transportation Programming Manager, to provide information on the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) Final Year Closeout. Ms. Yazzie called the Committee's attention to a handout that was distributed to members in attendance prior to the meeting, which included a new Table A, reflecting the requested removal of funds by the City of Mesa. Ms. Yazzie informed the Committee that since the MAG TRC packet was mailed, the City of Mesa requested the removal of a citywide retrofit pilot project in the amount of \$330,049, which is the reason for distributing an updated table. Ms. Yazzie stated that these deleted funds will actually provide more money for the closeout funds to be carried over, and that this reflected the only change.

Discussion followed, and Ms. Yazzie recommended that the Committee consider the deferral of the City of Chandler's Western Canal-phase I and the Western Canal-phase II projects (collectively totaling an amount of \$2.03 Million), and the removal of the City of Mesa project in the amount of \$330,049. Mr. John Farry then moved to recommend MAG Staff

recommendations to approve the FFY 2007 Final Year Closeout process. Mr. Bob Cicarelli seconded, and the motion was subsequently approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. There were no questions, and this concluded Ms. Yazzie's report.

7. Recommend Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

Addressing the next order of business, Mr. Callow introduced Mr. Roger Herzog, MAG Senior Project Manager, who provided a brief overview of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), 2007 Update. Mr. Herzog stated that the 2007 MAG RTP Update was previously approved for air quality conformity analysis during April of 2007, and technical analysis demonstrated that the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the MAG RTP meet all conformity requirements. In addition, the MAG TIP and RTP meet all new SAFETEA-LU planning requirements needed for adoption after July 1, 2007. Mr. Herzog stated that this is the first MAG RTP update under these requirements, and noted that it sufficiently meets all requirements and regulations. Mr. Bill Hayden then moved to recommend approval of the MAG RTP, 2007 Update as presented. Mr. John Farry seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Committee. There was no discussion, and this concluded Mr. Herzog's presentation.

8. Member Agency Update

Mr. Callow addressed the Committee, and informed those in attendance that this would be Mr. Jim Huling's last meeting. Mr. Callow announced that Mr. Huling is retiring from the City of Mesa and moving to the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Callow then asked members of the Committee whether they would like to provide updates; address any issues or areas of concern regarding transportation at the regional level; and asked whether any members in attendance would like to address recent information that was relevant to transportation within their respective communities. Ms. Mary O'Connor then addressed the Committee and provided a brief overview of the Scottsdale photo radar project on the Loop 101, and informed the Committee that the project will eventually be taken over by the Arizona Department of Public Safety in the near future. Mr. John Hauskins then addressed the Committee, and stated that over the past year, Maricopa County was successful in the completing 33 of 37 transportation projects.

Mr. Bill Hayden then announced that there would be a freeway opening on the Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway between Southern Avenue and University Drive, and that the entire Loop 202 would be open to the public during late-2008. Discussion followed by several members of the Committee concerning the MAG FFY 2007 Final Year Closeout. There were no additional comments.

9. Next Meeting Date

Mr. Callow informed members in attendance that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on July 26, 2007. There being no further business, Mr. Callow adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.